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For: BIOABSORBABLE POLYMERIC  
IMPLANTS AND A METHOD OF  
USING THE SAME TO CREATE  
OCCLUSIONS

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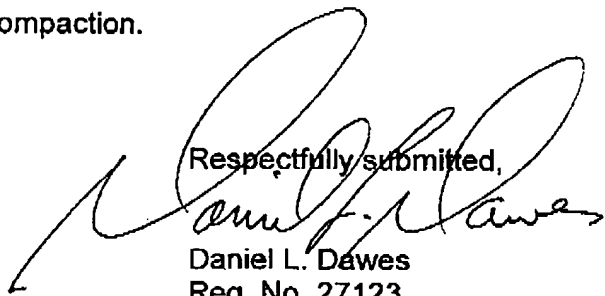
The Examiner has requested some type of early memo or agenda suggesting what issue might be discussed in the interview scheduled at 9am on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 in the above matter. Although the exact details of what issues might be discussed cannot yet be determined, it is believed that the following may be brought up for possible inclusion in an amendment after final.

- Whether the entire figures including new subject matter ought to be labeled "prior art" under MPEP608.02(g) which requires labeling of figures showing **only** prior art. Partial labeling may be proposed, i.e. labeling only that part which is old as "prior art" by use of lead lines.
- Whether **Wallace** (March 31, 1998) is a proper 102(b) reference since the present application has a priority to a provisional application (60/072,653) filed on Jan. 27, 1998.

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- Whether claims 7 and 18 are obvious over **Vacanti**, because applicant previously disclosed chemical species for the polymers found in **Vacanti** with the claimed polymers.
- Whether claims 30 and 47 are obvious over **Vacanti** given that **Vacanti** is silent with respect to coil compaction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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